

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Letters Patent of:
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Patent No.: 6,824,997

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For: PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR THE
RAPID DETECTION OF STREPTOCOCCUS
PNEUMONIAE EMPLOYING PURIFIED
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.323

Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, the Applicants/Patentees noted the following typographical errors which are the fault of the Office and should be corrected:

In the Specification:

- (a) Column 2, line 19, "*pneunoniae*" should be *--pneumoniae--*.
- (b) Column 3, line 44, "immununchromato" should be *--immunochromato--*.
- (c) Column 3, line 51, "*pneunoniae*" should be *--pneumoniae--*.
- (d) Column 5, line 48, "hydragine" should be *--hydrazine--*.
- (e) Column 6, line 5, "*Klebsielia*" should be *--Klebsiella--*.
- (f) Column 6, line 11, "*lwoffli*" should be *--lwoffii--*.
- (g) Column 8, line 9, the word "it" should be cancelled.

- (h) Column 8, line 45, "that,in" should be --that, in--.
- (i) Column 10, line 48, "*pneunoniae*" should be --*pneumoniae*--.
- (j) Column 12, line 67, "*pneunoniae*" should be --*pneumoniae*--.
- (k) Column 14, line 35, "*Klebsielia*" should be --*Klebsiella*--.
- (l) Column 14, line 35, "*capularum*" should be --*capulatum*--.
- (m) Column 14, line 39, "*Klebsielia*" should be --*Klebsiella*--.
- (n) Column 15, line 32, "10555T" should be--#10556T--.

In the Claims:

- (a) Column 16, line 29, "*pneunoniae*" should be --*pneumoniae*--.
- (b) Column 16, line 31, "therof" should be --thereof--.
- (c) Column 16, line 38, "nixing" should be --mixing--.
- (d) Column 16, line 51, "proteing" should be --protein--.
- (e) Column 17, line 41, after "antigen" please insert a hyphen.
- (f) Column 18, line 19, "immunochromotographic" should be --immunochromatographic--.
- (g) Column 18, line 23, please cancel "at least", first occurrence.
- (h) Column 18, line 29, after "of" please insert--*Streptococcus pneumoniae* and--.
- (i) Column 18, line 39, please cancel "to", second occurrence.
- (j) Column 18, line 58, "adjust" should be--adjusting--.

Further, the Applicants/Patentees request the issuance of a Certificate of Correction to correct the following errors in the patent which are the fault of Applicant/Patentee:

At Col. 5, line 44 of the specification, the words "antigen to" should be corrected to read-- antibodies of--. A person of ordinary skill in immunology, reading the sentence sought to be corrected in the context of the whole patent, would readily understand that this latter sentence is inadvertently misworded.

At Col. 8, line 14 of the specification, the first occurrence of the word "repeated" should be deleted. Here, the word "repeated" inadvertently appears twice.

Each of these mistakes is of a clerical nature, a typographical nature, or a mistake of minor character. They do not constitute new matter and do not require reexamination because the requested changes would not materially affect the scope or meaning of the patent.

The Patent Owner submits the accompanying **Form PTO/SB/44 Certificate of Correction** to correct errors in the printed version of U.S. Patent No. 6,824,997. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-1448 in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448, under Order No. ISA-09702.

CONCLUSION

Issuance of the requested certificate is deemed appropriate and is therefore requested.

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